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JANE AND JOHN DOE, *et al.*, * IN THE
Petitioners, * COURT OF APPEALS
V. * OF MARYLAND
ALTERNATIVE MEDICINE *
MARYLAND LLC, *et al.*, * September Term, 2017
Respondents. * No. 148

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**STATE DEFENDANTS' RESPONSE TO EMERGENCY
BYPASS PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI AND
MOTION TO STAY CIRCUIT COURT ACTION**

Respondents the Natalie M. LaPrade Maryland Medical Cannabis Commission, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, and individually-named commissioners (collectively, the "State Defendants"), who are defendants below, agree with the relief requested by Petitioners Jane and John Doe, Curio Wellness, LLC, Doctor's Orders Maryland, LLC, Green Leaf Medical, LLC, Kind Therapeutics, USA, LLC, SunMed Growers, LLC, Maryland Wholesale Medical Cannabis Trade Association, and the Coalition for Patient Medicinal Access, LLC to the extent that Petitioners seek: (1) a writ of certiorari from this Court; and (2) a stay of the circuit court action pending action by this Court. As the State Defendants have argued below, the petitioners who are recipients of

pre-approvals are indispensable parties to the proceedings below, and the State Defendants do not represent the interests of the petitioners.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I CERTIFY that on this 2nd day of June, 2017, a copy of the foregoing document was served by e-mail, and will be sent by first-class mail to all counsel of record.

/s/ Matthew J. Fader

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